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RADIO, SE". 6, AND ALL NEWS MEDIA SEPTEMBER 7, REFUTED ANY
ALLEGATIONS THAT "THERE IS A SOVIET MILITARY OR NAVAL BASE IN
ANY PART OF THE TERRITORY OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC."

RADIO MOGADISCIO, SEPTEMBER 6, 1974 COMMENTARY IN SOMALI:
QUOTE - A SPOKESMAN OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND NATIONAL
GUIDANCE TODAY DENIED PROPAGANDA LAUNCHED AGAINST THE SOMALI
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC WHICH SAID - "THE SOVIETCUNION HAS NAVAL AND
LAND BASES IN SOMALIA." IT WAS REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT FORD OF
THE UNITED STATES SAID THIS ON AGUST 28, AS REPORTED IN THE NEW
YORK TIMES AND THE WASHINGTON POST. THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT IS
BETTER THAT THE PRESIDENT AND THE U.S. CONGRESS RECONSIDER THE
IDEA OF CONSTRUCTING A BASE IN THE DIEGO GARCIA ISLAND IN THE
INDIAN OCEAN. IN THE OAU SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN MOGADISCIO
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JUNE 1974, PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIYAD BARRE BRIEFED THE INTER-
NATIONAL PRESS WHO ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE ON THE SUBJECT AND
TOLD THEM THAT SOMALIA DID NOT GIVE ANY BASES TO THE SOVIET UNION
AND WILL NOT GIVE IT BASESHPN THE FUTURE. THE PRESIDENT ASSURED
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THE PRESS PEOPLE OF FACILITIES OF TRANSPORT IF THEY SO WISHED

TO TRAVEL AND LOOK FOR A SOVIET BASE IN THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC. ON AUGUST 29, 1974, THE VOICE
OF AMERICA, SAID THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STATED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL
GIVE HEAVY ARMS TO ETHIOPIA AS REPORTED BY THE WASHINGTON POST...
(END RADIO COMMENTARY QUOTE).

SONNA NEWS BULLETIN, SEPTEMBER 7, 1974, EXCERPTS -
(BEGIN EXCERPTS): A SPOKESMAN OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION
AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE, HAS TODAY STRONGLY REFUTED THE ALLEGATION
THAT THERE IS A SOVIET MILITARY OR NAVAL BASE IN ANY PART OF
THE TERRITORY OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. THE SPOKESMAN
SAID THAT ALLEGATIONS TO THIS EFFECT WERE MADE BY THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ON 28TH AUGUST, 1974, AND RE-
PORTED BY THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE WASHINGTON POST.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT PRESIDENT
GERALD FORD, HAS BEEN MISINFORMED ON THIS MATTER, AS FAR AS THE
EXISTENCE OF A SOVIET MILITARY OR NAVAL BASE IN SOMALIA IS CON-
CERNED...THE VOICE OF AMERICA REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON ON
AUGUST 29, 1974 THAT "A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAS CONFIRMED
THE WASHINGTON POST'S REPORT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS BEGUN
DELIVERING HEAVY ARMS INCLUDING TANKS TO ETHIOPIA." THIS REPORT
ADDED, THAT, "THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOTED THAT SOMALIA
PUBLICLY CLAIMED CERTAIN AREAS IN ETHIOPIA, AND BECAUSE OF THESE
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA, THE UNITED STATES,
WAS MAKING A NEW SHIPMENT OF HEAVY ARMS TO ETHIOPIA."

BUT SOMALIA, AS IS HISTORICALLY KNOWN, DOES NOT CLAIM CERTAIN
AREAS OF ETHIOPIA. WHAT SHE CLAIMS IS SOMALI TERRITORY ANNEXED
BY ETHIOPIA, WITH THE HELP AND ASSISTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL IM-
PERIALISM, DURING THE SCRAMBLE FOR AFRICA IN THE 19TH CENTURY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE INTENTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA IN SUPPLYING HEAVY ARMS TO ETHIOPIA ARE TO ENDANGER
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY IN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY IN
THE HOJN OF AFRICA...(END SONNA EXCERPTS)

OCTOBER STAR, SEPTEMBER 7, HEKWINE - "NO FOREIGN MILITARY
BASES IN SOMALIA."

STORY ESSENTIALLY SAME AS SONNA NEWS ITEM.

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